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Selma. Ala July th 29 1863

J. T. Gage

Dear Lurie

It has been a long time since I have heard from you. I have written several letters to you but have received but one as yet. And being again launched forth in the world, and all alone, my thoughts very naturally turn towards my old companions and associates, so this morning I will attempt to write you a few lines, thinking perhaps you would like to hear from your Mississippi friends. Lurie I have had a pretty good time since I have been home, and was very much in hopes it would continue but I was sadly mistaken. The fall of Vicksburg broke considerably into my arrangements, I see our old Regt. has again been into it, it suffered very much in officers. I have not as yet seen a full list of all the wounded or killed.

It is an old saying that reverses never
come together and it seems that it has
proven true in the late war. But we must
not become discouraged, we will yet conquer.
There is great blame attached to Gen
Pemberton for the fall of Vicksburg, nor
do I think it unjust if all accounts be
true, A great many have become discouraged
but I still hold out in my belief that we
will come out all right. I find since
our recent reverse, there is a great many
rather inclined to favor the union question
and even where I thought would be the
last to come to such terms. There are
many leaving "Holmes County" in fact
almost all that can get away. Among the
best unionists that head the list, are
Dr Williams, Craig, Doty & Co, On the
morning that I left Old Gen said to
the crowd at Richland, what do you
Secesh think of your Confederacy now.
I saw some of your Mothers family
a few days before I left they were

all well, I do not know whether they intend
staying or not, but rather think they will
remain at "Home". If I only had another
leg welded ^{on}, I would come back and
give the girls another chance at me, and
see if they could not do a little better
the next time. Mr Pepper and family are
with me I do not know where I will go
to yet, I some times think I had better
have stayed at "Home". I expected to have
found Pa out here, but have not found him.
if I do I think I shall go to South
Carolina, I will send this by Joe Beard
of co C. Always ever your friend
R. B. Lipsey

Be sure and write to me, and
direct to

Greenwood, Abbeville District
S. Carolina